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1. [redacted] ship dropped anchor in 12 meter water in 54°32.1'N/18°37.7'E and remained there until 11 a.m. [redacted] when the pilot came aboard to take her into the harbor, which was full of ice. She was immediately tied up to her loading berth in the middle of [redacted] quay and quickly cleared to start loading operations with as little delay as possible. Two officers, one petty officer and twelve other ratings boarded her to perform the inward clearing formalities. Although the searching was made as thoroughly as on previous occasion, it took only two hours to complete the clearing because of the larger number of personnel available this time, and loading started immediately.

2. Vessels berthed in the [redacted] quay [redacted]
[redacted] included Polish steamers POZNAN, LUDA and GOPIO [redacted]
[redacted] German motor vessel
GESCHWISTER RAABE and Soviet steamer STALINGRAD and ALEXANDER NEVSKI. Other
ships in harbor could not be identified [redacted]

3. Eight modern luffing cranes served for loading operations [redacted] they worked most satisfactorily. These cranes had a maximum lifting power of seven tons as informant read on name plates of two cranes working alongside his ship. The other six cranes were of similar design. Six railroad tracks, interconnected by switches, were on [redacted] quay. Two workshop buildings with large windows and skylights were on the quay, and [redacted] repair work for the fishing industry was done there. 1

4. [redacted] grounded long before she had taken on her full coal cargo. Her captain and officers obviously were unaware of this fact, and subsequent efforts of tugboats to refloat her were unsuccessful. It was not until about 1,000 tons of her cargo had been unloaded that she was refloat again.

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5. A total of 19 tanks (armored cars) and about 40 crates, 3 x 4 x 2.5 m, were seen near the coal chutes. The tanks had five bogie wheels each and their turrets were boarded up. [REDACTED] these tanks and the crates had been unloaded by Soviet steamer STALINGRAD.

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6. [REDACTED]

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7. The ships were more closely guarded than previously. According to recent instructions, the sentries at the gangway must enter the time the longshoremen arrive on board in their identification cards, which they keep until the dockers leave the ship again. In addition to the gangway sentry, another two sentries were posted at the ship. Each of them carried a submachine gun with a box or drum-type magazine. Their service color was green. [REDACTED] the sentry at the gangway was the superior of the two other sentries. All watchtowers were manned and each crane also had a sentry atop. The clearing out formalities were performed in a most meticulous manner and the entire ship was most carefully searched for stowaways. [REDACTED] in cases of suspicion, tracking dogs were used. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The ROS fishing repair service is located at the inner end of the basin.

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